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**Subject:** RE: Lostine Corridor Project

Hi Kris,

I want to thank you for your time on the phone yesterday. I appreciate your patience as I'm sure you're having to repeat yourself a lot to everybody that is calling with their concerns.

After reviewing my notes from our conversation there are still some concerns that I need to express. You had mention that the timeline of the project could be "anywhere from 2-5 years to complete". My concern with this is that logging will occur in the units where the trees are more merchantable first and the project will not be completed. This leaving the most critical fire hazard units left as they currently are and therefore not achieving the original goal of the project. You also mentioned that "no old growth will be logged". I understand why you made this statement as the law clearly states that that is not allowed, and you assured me that the logging would be held to the 21inch limit. However, most of the trees in the canyon are less then 21inches and are under 150 years old so it doesn't seem that this is as pertinent for this specific project, and my concern is that the larger strands of healthy trees will be logged.

The next fundamental concern is that the project seems to want to move forward without an Environmental Assessment (EA) being done. You had mentioned that there were some studies, but an actual "EA" was not one of them. Also, I/we still want to have an opportunity to have our concerns incorporated in the project and folks are looking forward to an opportunity to participate in a collaborative process, but that hasn't happened yet. By doing so, we hope there can be a good collaboratively developed project that everyone feels good about.

Sincerely,

Joel

**From:** Stein, Kris -FS [<mailto:krisstein@fs.fed.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** Joel Roth  
**Cc:** Pence, Sitka - FS; Montoya, Tom -FS  
**Subject:** RE: Lostine Corridor Project

Hi Joel – thanks for reaching out to me about your concerns. Our primary interest is in serving folks like you in our communities and I would like to follow up this email with a visit over the phone. I have some time available Wednesday or Thursday – let me know if you have time on either of those days.



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**Caring for the land and serving people**

**From:** Joel Roth [<mailto:joeleroth@comcast.net>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2017 11:01 AM

**To:** Stein, Kris -FS <[krisstein@fs.fed.us](mailto:krisstein@fs.fed.us)>

**Subject:** Lostine Corridor Project

Dear Kris,

My wife and I own up the Lostine river canyon, which we have had for over 20 years now. We love this pristine area and understand how important it is to preserve it. We really would like you to take your time with the logging/clearing proposal and involve us in the community who will be greatly impacted by this project. I understand that there needs to be cleaning up of the area for fire safety etc., but I do hope you will do an environmental impact study first and listen to the concerns of the people who live there and/or own property there.

One of my concerns is that we have not been given full and consistent information about the extent of the project and its impact on the area. I am also concerned that the Forest Service is proposing an aggressive logging project that is sidestepping basic public process. Please respond to this email or feel free to call me at 503-860-0882 to discuss what we can do to work collaboratively with the FS to make this a productive land and forest management project, and not an opportunity for over logging and destruction to the streams and ecosystem of this area.

Sincerely,

Joel Roth

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